

Appl. No: 09/315,200  
Amdt. Dated October 21, 2004  
Reply to Decision on Appeal of September 30, 2004

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-53 remain in the application. Allowance of claims 1-41 and 48-53 is noted. Claims 42 is amended as suggested in the Decision on Appeal.


**Conclusion.**

In view of all of the above, the claims are now believed to be allowable and the case in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Any fee deficiency associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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